

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the present application, with new Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 14 being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to Claim 5 for reasons of informality. Applicants have amended Claim 5 and respectfully submit that Claim 5 complies with all formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasegawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,928,261) in view of Nishimoto et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0000156). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

As previously communicated, the present invention is directed to a system and method for storing and delivering a first and a second content (together as a composite content) to a client terminal (*e.g.*, a mobile phone or a personal computer, etc.). As shown in Fig. 2 of the present application, an example of a first content can be musical score data, and an example of a second content can be MIDI data. The contents are delivered after being formatted together as a single composite content file (as recited in the claims).

Again, as previously communicated, before the single composite content is delivered, a determination is first made as to a client terminal's identity and, using that identification information, another determination is made as to whether the client terminal can process the first content in the format as stored. If it is determined that the client terminal cannot process the first content in the format as stored, then the first content is converted into a different format that can be processed by the client terminal. The converted first content (recited as "first content material of

second format”) is them combined with the second content into a single composite content and then delivered to the client terminal.

As amended, the recited invention further provides that a list of titles to the composite content is first transmitted to the client terminal, from which a server may receive a request for a particular title to be transmitted to the client terminal. In response to receiving a request for a particular title for a composite content, first content material (in the first format) and second content material corresponding to the title selection are extracted and sent together as composite content material to the client terminal. Again, if it is determined that the client terminal cannot process the first content material in the first format, then the first content material is converted to a second format before combining it with the second material and sending them together as composite content material.

Neither Hasegawa nor Nishimoto contain any disclosure of transmitting a plurality of titles to a client terminal, and, in response to a selection of one of the titles, transmit to the client terminal composite content material that is composed of first and second content materials (which are separately extracted from a database), wherein the first content material is converted to a different format before combining it with the second material on an as necessary basis.

The present invention offers the benefit of delivering first and second content materials to a user in response to a single selection operation of a title, avoiding the need to first download, for example, a musical score and then separately downloading MIDI data corresponding to the musical score.

Again, Hasegawa disclose a music data distribution system that is capable of generating music data corresponding to different types of file formats (*see* column 2, lines 41-44), while

Nishimoto disclose a content generation service system, including a server and a client terminal, such as the personal computer 1 and the portable communication terminal 2 (as shown in Fig. 1). Both Hasegawa and Nishimoto are silent as to generating a single composite content file including a plurality of content materials (namely, a first and a second content as recited in the claims) in response to receiving a request for a particular title of content (which was first transmitted as a part of a list to the client terminal), and that the first and second content materials are extracted separately in response to the received request. Rather, both references disclose selection operations that do not involve a listing of titles, and would require multiple downloads in order to obtain different content materials.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-14, as amended, are not obvious in view of Hasegawa and Nishimoto.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032040800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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